

UEI A01

31. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 29 wherein the perfecter rotates about in a first direction when removing the sheet from the preceding roller and rotates in an opposite direction when it passes off the sheet to a following roller.

32 (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 30 wherein the element rotates about in a first direction when removing the sheet from the preceding roller and rotates in an opposite direction when it passes off the sheet to a following roller.

#### REMARKS

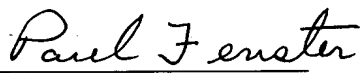
The present application is a U.S. national application of PCT/IL00/00081. The present amendments, based on the attached to the IPER, have been made to place the application in proper US form. New claims 29-32 have been added to better define the invention. New claim 29 is identical to originally filed claim 1 (in the publication). The application contains claims 1-32.

Applicants note that the claims were indicated as meeting the criteria of PCT Article 33(2)-33(4) in the IPER issued by the European Patent Office (acting as IPEA).

A marked-up version of the claims that are amended is attached hereto.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. LANDA, et al.

  
Paul FENSTER  
Reg. No. 33,877

March 27, 2002  
William H. Dippert, Esq.  
Cowan, Liebowitz and Latman, P.C.  
1133 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10036-6799

Tel: (212) 790-9200

UEI A01

**Marked-Up Amended Claims**

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the perfector comprises a first array of suction cups that grips the sheet adjacent the leading edge and a second array of suction cups that grips the sheet adjacent the trailing edge.
5. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 3 [or claim 4] wherein the perfector comprises a shaft to which the arrays of suction cups are mounted.
14. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any of claims 1-13] claim 1 wherein the perfector comprises at least one sheet support surface on which the sheet lies when it is held by the perfector.
16. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the perfector rotates in a first direction when removing the sheet from a preceding roller and rotates in an opposite direction when it passes off the sheet to a following roller.
20. (Amended) A sheet transport system according to [any of claims 17-19] claim 17 and comprising a fan that creates airflow that presses a sheet placed on the conveyor belt to the conveyor belt surface.
21. (Amended) A sheet transport system according to [any of claims 17-20] claim 17 wherein the perfector rotates in a first direction when removing the sheet from a preceding roller and rotates in an opposite direction when it passes of the sheet to a following transport element.
28. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any of claims 22-27] claim 22 wherein at least one of the inner and outer races are seal to the shaft or housing by an o-ring seal.